

## Message Text

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TAGS: SWEL GH  
SUBJECT: URBAN HOMESTEADING INFORMATION

REF: 77 STATE 302791

1. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL. NUMBERING OF  
REPLIES KEYED TO QUESTIONS:  
A. GOG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SUPPORTS MODEST SELF HELP  
HOUSING PROGRAM, BUT PRIVATE PROGRAMS ALSO EXIST.  
B.1. PROGRAMS COVER ENTIRE VILLAGES.  
B.2. SITE IMPROVEMENT, SHELTER IMPROVEMENT AND NEW HOUSING  
B.3. NO.  
B.4. CASH AND BUILDING MATERIALS  
C.1. PARTICIPANTS REQUEST PROGRAMS, SELECTED BY GOG ON  
REGIONAL BASIS.  
C.2. PARTICIPANTS ARE CONSULTED ABOUT DESIGN AND PROVIDE UNSKILLED  
LABOR. CONSTRUCTION DONE BY GOG AGENCY.  
C.3. PARTICIPANTS MEET WITH AGENCY OFFICIALS  
C.4. NO.  
D.1. SELF HELP LABOR IS ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF TOTAL LABOR.  
D.2. SELECTED BY GOG AGENCY  
D.3. GOG AGENCY PROVIDES ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
D.4. PARTICIPANTS DO UNSKILLED LABOR  
D.5. MASONS, CARPENTERS, ALL SKILLED LABOR.  
D.6. LACK OF SKILLS  
D.7. ABOUT THREE TIMES AS LONG

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D.8. UNKNOWN  
D.9. THERE ARE FEW DROPOUTS  
D10. GIVEN PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, NO SAVING FROM MASS  
PURCHASING.  
E. PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE TITLE TO HOUSES AFTER ALL PAYMENTS ARE  
MADE, PERIOD RANGES FROM 15-30 YEARS. AGENCY HOPES THAT PARTICI-  
PANTS IMPROVE HOUSING AFTER OCCUPANCY.

F. THE EMPHASIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE'S PROGRAM IS ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES. UNDER CURRENT DEPARTMENT PROGRAM, ONLY ABOUT 100 HOUSES ARE BUILT ANNUALLY. SELF-HELP HOUSING PROGRAM HAS DONE LITTLE TO UP GRADE SKILLS.

2. WE REGRET DELAY, BUT REFTTEL ARRIVED DURING EXTENDED CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY, AND WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION. SMITH

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